Defending Border Areas of Myanmar, Bangladesh and Bhutan

2458. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken to defend the bordering areas along Myanmar, Bangladesh and-Bhutan;

(b) whether there is any improvement in relations between India and Myanmar after the construction of a road in the area of Myanmar; and

(c) whether Government propose to exchange prisoners between India and Myanmar?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Government remain vigilant and has taken all necessary and appropriate measures to safeguard the sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of India.

(b) There has been an upswing in the relations between India and Myanmar in recent years. The construction of Tamu-Kalemyo-Kalewa road is likely to give further impetus to it.

(c) There is no proposal to exchange prisoners between India and Myanmar.

Shifting of Air Force South-West Command to Gandhinagar

†2459. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Air Force has shifted the South-West Command from Jodhpur to Gandhi-Dham, Gandhinagar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Jodhpur District is not safe in view of the danger from Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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